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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following Amendment of the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

- | <u>No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 5 | Local Element <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modifies the following State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects in Butte County.<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Modifies funding for "Keefer Road Realignment (PPNO: 1L43)" project for Butte County. The project scope includes minor change to the roadway realignment and roadway rehabilitation for Keefer Road between Hick Lane and Cohasset Road near the City of Chico.2. Modifies funding for "Oroville Bangor Highway Reconstruction (PPNO: 2L94)" project for Butte County. The project scope include roadway reconstruction work by changing vertical and horizontal roadway alignments to meet safety standards and resurfacing the roadway with asphalt concrete.3. Modifies Funding for "Skyway Rehabilitation (PPNO: 2L96)" project for Butte County. The project scope includes roadway rehabilitation work between the city limit of Chico and 6.25 miles to the east from the city limit. |

See enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 5 for inclusion into California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement

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Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP Amendment and are shown for information only.

The updated programming is for project types within Table 2 & 3 - Exempt Projects, of 40 CFR § 93.126 that are exempt from the conformity determination requirement. Therefore, this FTIP Amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by BCAG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS).

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The BCAG prepared this FTIP Amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,



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Chief

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Enclosures

- c: Karina O'Connor - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
- Jon A. Clark - Butte County Association of Government's
- Ivan Garcia - Butte County Association of Government's
- Abhijit Bagde - Caltrans